

OFFICE LOCATIONS AND PHOTOS

For over 20 years the Division has operated from four offices for our judges: Washington, D.C., San Francisco, New York City, and Atlanta. Not so at the beginning. Thus, for the first 15 years or so, the headquarters office in Washington, D.C. was the only office for the judges. Around January 1951, the Board opened a West Coast office for a contingent of judges at San Francisco, California. Although the first mention of the San Francisco office in an annual report of the Board does not appear until the 28th Annual Report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, at 8, the July 1951 San Francisco telephone directory, at page 664, shows a listing for the office. No listing appears in the 1950 directory.

This time of early 1951 as the opening date of the San Francisco office is further supported by the case assignments. Thus, before 1951, the judges usually recited that they had been designated by the “Chief Trial Examiner.” A brief change occurred in early 1951 when some of the judges wrote that they had been designated by “the Associate Chief Trial Examiner.” See, for example, that declaration by Judge A. Bruce Hunt, for a trial that opened in late February 1951 at Seattle, Washington, 98 NLRB 22, 26 (1952). Even if the designation of Judge Hunt was made in early February, the office itself probably would have been opened several days earlier just to get organized and have telephones installed. Judge Hunt made the same recitation in a trial that opened in March 1951 at Spokane, Washington, 95 NLRB 1034, 1040 (1951), as did Judge Martin S. Bennett in a trial that opened in April 1951 in Medford, Oregon, 96 NLRB 165, 171 (1951). So did Judge Wallace E. Royster in a trial that opened in May 1951 in Modesto, California, 96 NLRB 570, 575 (1951).

Moreover, it is clear that “the” Associate Chief Judge involved was William E. Spencer: 96 NLRB 196, 204 fn. 1 (1951) (Judge J. J. Fitzpatrick observing that “Associate Chief Trial Examiner William E. Spencer opened the hearing” and after “the receipt of the formal papers but before any evidence was taken I was designated to conduct the hearing.”) This and the other cases are all West Coast cases. Judge Spencer opened the trial on December 12, 1950, at Los Angeles. Rather than suggesting that the San Francisco office already was operating by the opening trial date here, this trial probably was one of the last ones conducted before the San Francisco office became operational.

The New York office was opened in September 1979. As reported in the Board's 44th Annual Report at 3, during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, "In another move to provide improved service to the labor relations public," the Board opened its third Judges' office, this one in New York City. The very next year, in May 1980, and for the same stated purpose, the Board opened its fourth office for the Judges, this one at Atlanta, Georgia. 45th Annual Report, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980, at pages 2-3. With the advent of "flexi-place" agreements during the early 1980s, the Division has permitted a significant number of judges to work from their homes in various states throughout the country. Nevertheless, such judges remain assigned to one of the four offices of the Division.

Photo of the Division Chiefs













Photos of Some Individual DC Judges

Generally taken during the 1990s, individual photos of a few of the DC judges are shown below. Two of the judges have since transferred — Judge James Rose to the SF office, and Judge John West to Atlanta, as the more

recent staffing rosters show. Others in the group have retired (not all retirement dates are available), including Judge Michael Miller, who, sadly, also has died. An article reporting Judge Miller's January 2004 death appears in the February 2004 issue of *All Aboard* at 7. (Some listings for retirements and deaths are shown much later, just before the ABC List of Judges.) The photo of Judge Leonard Wagman, furnished by the courtesy of Chief Librarian Kenneth Nero, is from the December 2001/January 2002 issue of *All Aboard*, at 9, where it accompanies an "Employee Profile" article, "Fulfillment Through Service," about Len Wagman by Judge Bob Schwarzbart.

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George Aleman EOD 1-22-1995	Arthur Amchan EOD 9-1-1996	Richard Beddow EOD 7-26-1981 Retd: 2001	Harold Bernard EOD 4-8-1979	Karl Buschmann EOD 9-28-1975
				
Peter Donnelly EOD 5-1-1974	David L. Evans EOD 7-30-1978	Lowell Goerlich EOD 4-9-1965	William Jacobs EOD 10-5-1975 Retd: 1-3-1997	William Kocol EOD 9-15-1996

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Martin J. Linsky EOD 9-8-1981	Michael O. Miller EOD 1-5-1975 Retd: 5-22-1998	C. Richard Miserendino EOD 9-1-1996	Arline Pacht EOD 5-4-1980 Retd: 1-3-1997	Bernard Ries EOD 11-18-1974
				
James L. Rose EOD 10-5-1975	Bruce D. Rosenstein EOD 1-5-1997	Marvin Roth EOD 3-2-1975	Benjamin Schlesinger EOD 7-18-1978	Robert Schwarzbart EOD 3-16-1975 Retd: 2002
				
Richard A. Scully EOD 1-18-1981	Earl Shamwell Jr EOD 1-19-1997	Leonard Wagman EOD 2-12-1973 Retd: 2003	Robert Wallace EOD 1-18-1981	John H. West EOD 1-18-1981
				
Thomas R. Wilks EOD 2-1-1976 Retd: 3-30-2001	Claude R. Wolfe EOD 6-20-1976 Retd: 1-3-1995			

**Please Welcome This Distinguished Panel
Drawn From Some of Our Newer DC Judges**

		
		<p>John T. Clark (EOD 7-31-2000)</p> <p>See appointment article and photo in July/August 2000 issue of <i>All Aboard</i> at 8.</p>
		<p>Michael A. Rosas (EOD 8-25-2003)</p> <p>Appointment article appears in the October 2003 issue of <i>All Aboard</i> at 9.</p>

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	 A photograph of Joseph Gontram, a man with short grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is seated at a dark wooden desk with his hands clasped in front of him. To his left is an American flag, and to his right is a flag with a circular seal.	<p>Joseph Gontram (EOD 1-13-2003)</p> <p>Appointment article and photo appear in February 2003 issue of <i>All Aboard</i> at 10.</p>
	 A photograph of Paul Buxbaum, a man with glasses and a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is seated at a wooden desk with his hands clasped in front of him. To his left is an American flag.	<p>Paul Buxbaum (EOD 6-4-2001)</p> <p>Appointment article and photo appear in June 2001 issue of <i>All Aboard</i> at 9.</p>

PHOTOS OF SOME DC STAFF

Of those DC staff members in the following pictures, Division Staff Assistant Anna Marie Wehausen has retired (June 2003), and, sadly, then Division Staff Assistant Chester Cooke died on August 17, 1998, at the young age of 50. An “In Memoriam” article on his passing appears in the September 1998 issue [Vol. 5 #2], at 4, of *All Aboard*.

SOME DC STAFF, INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS			
			
Barbara Brown	Chester Cooke	Carletta Davidson	Barbara Hawkins
			
Malissa Lambert	Rechona Jenkins	Anna Marie Wehausen	

Photos of Some San Francisco Judges

The following photo was taken at the November 2002 retirement party for Judge Michael D. Stevenson:

At November 2002 Retirement Party for Judge Michael Stevenson



Shown at the left is retired Judge Richard D. Taplitz (EOD 6-17-1968). Judge Burton Litvack (EOD 8-13-1979) is in the center. On the right is retiring Judge Michael D. Stevenson (EOD 4-20-1979). Behind the camera: Associate Chief Judge William L. Schmidt (EOD 12-3-1979).

On The Trail—Some Members of The SF ALJ Hiking Club—Near Point Reyes, CA, and the Pacific Ocean March 20, 2002



From the left: Timothy D. Nelson (retired; EOD 9-5-1978); Mary Miller Cracraft (EOD 1-22-1995); Richard (Dick) Taplitz (retired; EOD 6-17-1968), trail leader; and Jay R. Pollack (EOD 12-4-1979), with William L. Schmidt (EOD 12-3-1979) behind the camera.

SF Office Holiday Party

December 19, 2002



Left side, front to back, as Judge William Schmidt reports, are: Patricia Schwar (SF Chief's secretary); Michael D. Stevenson (EOD 4-20-1979; now retired); and Richard J. Boyce (EOD 3-4-1973; then retired).

Right side, at front, Richard D. Taplitz (EOD 6-17-1968; then retired); Doreen Gomez (SF docketing clerk); John Jay McCarrick (EOD 12-31-2000) and wife, Eileen McCarrick; and Mary Miller Cracraft (EOD 1-22-1995).

Others at the well-appointed table, but not shown in the picture, include Burton Litvack (EOD 8-13-1979); Gerald A. Wacknov (EOD 7-4-1976); Susan George (SF Office Manager); Vanise Lee (SF Legal Tech); Frances Tsang (SF Legal Tech); and William L. Schmidt (EOD 12-3-1979) behind the camera.

Photo of Atlanta Judges

A photo, taken in 1981, of the Atlanta judges then available, appears below:



Seated, left to right, in the photo are J. Pargen Robertson, Hutton S. Brandon (the Associate Chief Judge for the Atlanta Branch), and Leonard N. Cohen (who died in August 1984, some 3 years after this photo was taken). Back row, left to right, are Howard I. Grossman, Robert A. Gritta, William N. Cates (who succeeded Judge Brandon as the Associate Chief Judge), Lawrence W. Cullen, and Richard J. Linton. As of this publication, Judges Brandon, Grossman, Gritta, and Linton have retired and Cohen, as noted, has died.